

# Greenbelt News Review

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Mandy Greene and her Court. From left to right, Cheri Gainor, third runner-up; Carolyn Boone, first runner-up; and Paula Angle, second runner-up. (photo by J. Henson)

## Mandy Greene Greenbelt's Queen

Mandy Greene, 16-year-old daughter of Edward and Janet Greene, Lakeside Drive, was selected Queen of the 1980 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Mandy was selected from among fifteen other young women following competition in modeling in daytime attire, aerobic dance, swimsuit competition and modeling in formal gowns, and public speaking.

Mandy lived in Greenbelt for the first three months of her life and returned to Greenbelt thirteen years ago.

She is in the 12th grade at Eleanor Roosevelt High School this year. Following graduation she plans to attend college and major in either business or public relations.

Her hobbies include singing,

dancing, playing the guitar and piano, swimming, hiking and playing tennis. Mandy has one sister.

First runner up was Carolyn Boone, second runner up was Paula Angle and third runner up was Cheri Gainor. Beth Nugent was selected as Miss Congeniality and Rene Brooks won the theme award (fitness). Melissa Neuffer and Lisa Green won the pageant award.

The judges for the Pageant were 24th District Delegate Joan Pitkin, Don Beaupre, Managing Editor of the Prince Georges Journal and Candy Burr from the University of Maryland.

Co-chairman for this year's Miss Greenbelt Pageant were Lesley and Stephen Kreimer.

## Senior Citizens Lap It Up

By Gertrude Law

The Senior Citizens' Swim Program season ended with a Swim Carnival on August 29. About thirty-five swimmers received swimming badges. A record number of 175 Senior Citizen free pool passes were issued for 1980. Under the guidance and promotion of Hank Irving, Director of Recreation, the program included a designated time on Mondays for swimming, water exercises, swimming instruction, and a walking program—eight times around the pool deck equaled a one mile walk. The Co-op and High's provided refreshments for the opening day.

Jeff Chapman and Ann Fuller tied in swimming the most laps

## New Circulation Mgr.

Beginning this week, Earl Kepler, 42-K Ridge Road, will take on the task as circulation manager for the News Review for old Greenbelt. His telephone number is 345-2670.

with a total of 180. Total laps swum by all was 360 laps. Joe Gardner walked 20 miles, while the total number of miles walked by all was 80 miles. Sixty-two certificates were given to the participants.

The Winter Program will begin Sept. 8 at the Youth Center and will include exercises and other activities.



## AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Monday, Sept. 8, 1980 8:00 p.m.

### I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Council Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda

### II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests  
Cable TV Presentation — American System Television
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

### III. OLD BUSINESS

9. A Resolution to Authorize Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services - 2nd Reading
10. A Resolution to Amend Paragraph 38 of the Standing Rules of Council, as Previously Amended, to Provide that a Motion for Reconsideration May be Made by Any Member Who Voted with the Prevailing Side Instead of with the Majority - 2nd Reading
11. Zoning Map Amendment 9361 (Smith-Ewing)
12. Community Relations Advisory Report on Concerns of the Elderly

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

13. An Ordinance to Re-enact, Without Change, Ordinance No. 894 and Fix the Date of Its Passage as September 8, 1980, and the Date of Its Effect as September 18, 1980 - 1st Reading
14. An Ordinance to Authorize the Issuance of Revenue Bonds for Financing Rehabilitation Program for GHI - 1st Reading
15. Resolution to Transfer Funds
16. Appointment of Bond Underwriters and Bond Counsel - Revenue Bond Issue
17. Sale of \$75,000 General Obligation Bond for Fire Station Addition
18. Cable Television Deregulation - Senate Bill S-2827
19. General Revenue Sharing and Youth Employment
20. Meetings

### V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda - subject to change.

## Clara Brandt Is Recognized As 1980 Outstanding Citizen

by Leta Mach

An enthusiastic audience greeted the appearance on stage of Greenbelt's newest Outstanding Citizen — Clara Brandt.

As Ralph Noble, Outstanding Citizen of 1979, presented her with a plaque, Clara Brandt responded, "Thank you all very much." Tears then began to stream quietly down her face. Michelle Talbot from the C&P Telephone Company presented her with a \$100 savings bond. She also received a dish of garden plants from Beltway Florist's and will have her name engraved on a permanent display plaque in the Greenbelt Municipal Building. Later, when asked by the News Review, Clara Brandt would admit that, "Oh, mercy me, yes," she had been surprised.

Outstanding Citizen Chairperson, Linda Shevitz, quoted Robert Frost to illustrate this year's choice for Outstanding Citizen. "I shall be telling this with a sigh, somewhere ages and ages hence — two roads diverged in a wood, and I — I took the one less travelled by — and that has made all the difference." Shevitz continued by explaining, "There are two roads by which one can provide outstanding service to a community — one is the more public road — service through leadership in organizations and civic groups; the other is the more private road — service through personal concern and caring for others."

All who know Clara Brandt strongly attest to her personal concern for others. While she has publicly served on committees and in organizations, it is her quality as a caring person that caused numerous individuals to nominate her for the Outstanding Citizen award. "She's the sweetest thing," said her neighbor as she detailed the many, many little ways that Clara Brandt has helped and cared for others.

Fellow members of the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, in observing her, have learned the truth of the old saying, "If you want a job done, and done well, ask a busy person to do it." Listing her individual acts of kindness would be too lengthy. However, highlights include organizing relief funds and

drives for needy families after fires and casualties; volunteering at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for at least eight years and at Greenbelt Convalescent Center for the past five years; providing baby sitting; cleaning for the sick; assisting Brownie and Girl Scout leaders; helping to find car pool rides; cooking and bringing dinners, cakes, jams or jellies to the sick, new Greenbelter, or person celebrating a special occasion; and sending personal greeting cards for special occasions or get-well wishes.

Clara Brandt moved to Greenbelt in 1960. She worked at Goddard Space Flight Center for several years. She is a member of the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, the Mission Board, and the church choir. Other organizations she belongs to are the United Women - Women's Club and the Golden Age Club, of which she is Sunshine Chairman. Her many acts of compassion are carried out as a volunteer, not for payment, and without benefit of a car. Although one of Greenbelt's busiest women her supporters find, "There is no errand or job too small or large for Clara to undertake."

In summary Clara Brandt's admirers feel Greenbelters, "do not have to look very far to find a perfect example of one citizen whose lifestyle has been filled with compassion, generosity, and helpfulness for others, thus creating a form of Utopia for all with whom she comes in contact."

## Love in Utopia

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center Inc. announces the presentation of the comedy OWL AND THE PUSSYCAT, by Bill Manhaff and directed by Janet Cripe of the Greenbelt Players. Dates of performances are Sept. 12-14, 19-21 and 26-28 at 8:15 p.m. at the Utopia Theatre.

Craig Mooring plays Felix Sherman and Judy Marshall plays Doris Wilgus.

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL

## Swimming Pool Remains Open

### ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS

Due to the continued unseasonably hot weather affecting the Metropolitan Area, the City Council has arranged to keep the Greenbelt Municipal Pool open for recreational swimming on a day to day basis until weather conditions warrant a change.

Season passes are now void. Admission fees and schedules for the Post-Season Pool Operation are as follows:

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Child (6-17 yrs.)	1.00	1.50
Child (under 6 yrs. with adult)	Free	Free
Seniors (62 & over)	Free	n/a

#### WEEKEND - Saturday and Sunday 1 pm - 8:15 pm

Adults (18 & over)	\$2.00	\$2.50
Child (6-17 yrs.)	1.25	1.75
Child (under 6 yrs. with adult)	Free	Free
Seniors (62 & over)	Free	n/a

For additional information, call the Recreation Department, weekdays, 9 am - 5 pm.



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### One of a Kind

#### To The Editor:

With the conclusion of the 1980 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival, the Festival Committee wishes to thank the many community groups, individuals, and city staff who contributed to the success of the Festival.

The Festival is one of a kind in that it is organized each year by a group of volunteers who form the Steering Committee and chair each of the major events, such as the parade, the Miss Greenbelt Pageant, and the carnival. Part of its special character is derived from the support it receives from the city in the form of police protection, building and wiring of the booths by the Public Works Department, and many special events planned and coordinated with the Recreation Department. Numerous Community organizations—schools, religious, civic, and cultural groups, and others contribute their time and effort to participate in the carnival, parade and stage events. Finally, the Festival is widely supported by business and professional people through cash donations and prizes. (A complete list of these will appear next week.) Without each of these groups, the Festival could not be the unique event it has become for 26 years.

The Committee would like especially to thank the numerous people who supported the Festival this year. In particular, the parade marshals, judges, and coordinators; the Woman's Club of Greenbelt, who worked in the Information booth; the individuals who worked on stage sound and set up; those who helped count money in the small hours of the evening and those who helped with the pet show, special contests, and stage events; the pageant co-chairmen—and the many Greenbelters, their friends and neighbors, who came each day and evening to help celebrate another great ending to the summer. Your efforts and your patronage are appreciated.

The Festival Committee is always looking for new participants to work with the Committee to formulate next year's activities. Anyone who would be interested in being on the Committee, who has ideas for future Festivals, or who would like to be a part of the Festival in even a small way is urged to contact a member of the Committee or to send his or her name to Box 2, Greenbelt 20770. The Festival's evaluation meeting will soon be held, and suggestions on the past and for the future will be warmly received.

Sandra A. Barnes  
President

### DONATE BLOOD

Prince Georges County Chapter of American Red Cross is making an urgent plea for blood donations as the supply is low. To make an appointment, call 559-3500.

### THANKS

#### To The Editor:

I wish to thank all the many friends, neighbors, The Golden Age Club, and members of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church.

They sent in so many glowing reports about me. I hope I can live up to them.

It was a beautiful thing, and thanks so very much. Love and best wishes to all.

Clara Brandt

### THANKS

#### To The Editor:

I would like to take this moment to extend my deepest thanks to all the people who helped make the recent Energy Fair a success. Special thanks go to Cathie Meetre, Jackie Lenchek and the members of the Aesthetics and Environment Committee of GHI for making the event become reality.

If we could only harvest some of the positive mental energy that was evident during the fair by all who joined, there wouldn't be any type of crisis.

Stan Sersen  
A&E Committee Chairman

### Hebrew Course Offered

The Board of Jewish Education of Greater Washington has announced it will offer a course in modern conversational Hebrew on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, at Mishkan Torah, starting Sept. 16. The course is open to all interested adults. For more information call 589-3180.

### Greenbelt CARES

Carol Leventhal attended a meeting of the Human Services Coalition of Prince Georges County (formerly the Northern Area Resources Council) in Largo.

CARES was recently honored to have had a distinguished visitor, Dr. Hannie Singer from Grongi-

### Clarification

#### To The Editor:

Your lead article in August 7 issue was an accurate account of what I petitioned City Council to do relative to saving the lake park from environmental deterioration caused, I believe, by over-use of the park facilities.

Unfortunately, because of space limitations, the article did not cover my position in full and has already subjected my family to some minor arguments with a few of the more vocal Greenbelt citizenry . . .

In anticipation of the complaint that civic groups which depended upon receipt of revenue from 4th of July fund raisers might suffer should the fireworks display be eliminated, I proposed donation of the fireworks money to those civic organizations which normally fund raise on July 4th.

I was careful in the petition and at the meeting not to give the inference that I wanted the park turned into a "nature preserve" instead of a "park to serve the people." Yet that inference follows by the reporting of my suggestions to eliminate the boat house, bandstand, and toilet facilities. My petition makes clear that those suggestions were proposals to be taken one year at a time, in sequence, only if other measures failed to stem the deterioration . . .

I also stressed the need to get more free labor by notifying all of the Judges that Greenbelt had plenty of park maintenance work for traffic offenders who wished to work off their fines.

Finally, my petition has an introduction acknowledging the City Government's commendable but losing battle to restore the park as fast as it is environmentally damaged. The fact is that only God can create a tree or grass; the City maintenance crews simply don't have that power.

The lake park should forever be a "park to serve the people." While we can't legally keep non-residents out of the park, we must recognize that the park is there primarily to serve Greenbelt people. We should not advertise its presence to others by 4th of July fireworks displays. The park is simply too small to serve all of the people of the metropolitan area.

Harold A. Siegel

nin, The Netherlands. Dr. Singer is a specialist in penal law.

Molly Schuchat was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors at Barney Neighborhood House, a settlement house in Washington, D.C.

### THANKS

#### To the Editor:

I would like to say "thank you" to the staff of the News Review for covering our story. They were courteous and objective at the same time.

Also, I wish to express my thanks to all members who stopped to talk with us while we were on the picket line. Your concern and support were indeed appreciated.

Paul Schwan

### Community Church News

Community Church's Christian Education program resumes again Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Children who have not yet registered may do so this Sunday at the beginning of their classes. Pre-school classes (ages 3 to 5) meet at the Fellowship Center behind the church. Classes 1 through 6 grade and up meet downstairs in the Church Social Hall.

Two adult Christian Education classes will be offered. The Adult Bible Study, which meets in the church balcony, will be taught by Co-Pastor Harry Taylor and will study the Gospel of Matthew. It will be oriented to those who have limited knowledge of the Bible and will emphasize an overview

### Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

### Mishkan Torah News

Rosh Hoshanah services at the Mishkan Torah will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. Services will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11 and Friday, Sept. 12. On both evenings services start at approximately 7 p.m. and the Junior Congregation meets at 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday. Rabbi Kenneth Berger and Cantor Don Weisman will officiate.

### Our Neighbors

Tom Savage, son of Pat and Howard Savage, 39 Lakeside, has been elected president of the junior class of Philadelphia College of Bible for the 1980-81 school year. Savage is a 1978 graduate of Roosevelt H.S.

Anne Marie Charter is spending her senior year in high school in Norway as an exchange student with Youth for Understanding. A former staff member of the News

of the Old and New Testaments. The Adult Bible Study which uses the "Cooperative Uniform Series" will meet in the church office. Review, she is living in Lillehammer with a Norwegian family.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Episcopal

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

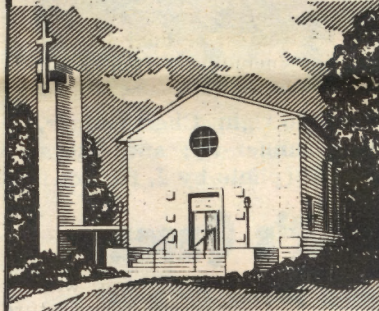
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

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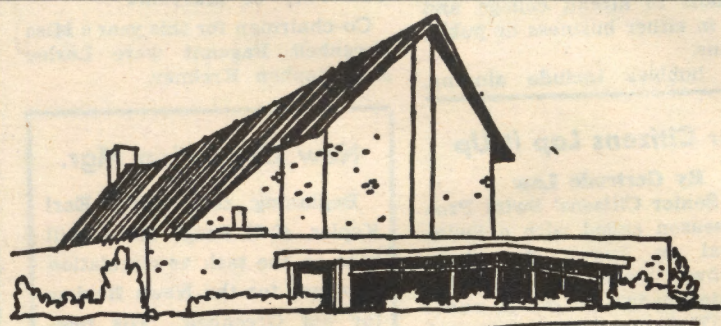
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Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm

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### Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

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## Solar Specialists Show Wares

by Hally Ahern

"I mean, what's its recovery rate, say on January 10 . . . ?" On August 2 about 60 Greenbelters came out to the Energy Fair to learn the cold facts about the cost and efficiency of solar products and systems.

At GHI's Aesthetics and Environment Committee table, Stan Sersen showed drawings of the three methods of passively collecting solar energy and how these might appear when added to GHI homes.

In the direct gain design, solar energy penetrates south-facing glazing of the living area and heats the mass of the home, where warmth is stored and then released when the temperature drops. In an isolated gain design, solar energy penetrates the glazing of an attached structure — a greenhouse — which heats the air, delivering it by vents to the living area, and storing heat in the dark-colored mass wall or energy collectors within the greenhouse. An indirect gain design places glazing close to the mass of the house, heating the building's mass and thus delivering heat to the living area.

Among the products used to insulate a home for proper energy collection and storage is Dryvit, a polystyrene foam board used as outside insulation. Thomas Friday, Dryvit's representative at the fair said the product will

hold up for 10 to 15 years without painting or resurfacing.

Window Quilt is a Mylar fabric shade which holds in heat (or coolness) and raises the R value in the window area to R-5. John Farmer of North American Development showed photos of how attractive this product can be, but said, "I'm not positive I've stimulated sales." He had collected a list of names of Greenbelters who wanted to receive further information about the product, however.

The IS High "R" shade is distributed by Epsilon Management of Clinton. When rolled down, its five layers of insulating material expand to fill the window space and provide an R value of 15.

Futuristic Solar Systems Corporation of Temple Hills distributes a number of solar shade products, including Window Quilt. Their High K Shade, for commercial use, can give an R value of 15.

Solar Science Industries provided a working demonstration of water heated by collectors mounted on their van. Water hot to the touch flowed from their sink, and a sign warned visitors to test its temperature cautiously. The collection medium was propylene glycol.

Potomac Energy Group, which specializes in passive solar design and retrofit, showed both

## Rehabilitation Brief

by Pat Estel

### GHI Rehab Coordinator

Roofing of frame homes, part of the rehabilitation program, is now in progress. Roofs are white to reflect the hot summer sun and have vents.

### Shrubs and Plants

There have been questions and concerns about possible damage to shrubs and plants from debris falling from roofs as old shingles are removed. Ornamentals that are within ten feet of the house may be transplanted for a short time or protected by small wooden or cardboard boxes.

### Scheduling

Two week's notice will be given to each court identifying the kind of work to be done and the starting date. (Specific dates will not be available for individual units within the court.)

### Attics

Attics should be cleaned and valuables removed before workmen arrive to insulate and install

attractively cheap and more expensive versions of passive solar designs on homes they have converted.

Ralph Nastaka and Sons of Clinton are the local distributors for active solar hot water and space heating packages. An active system employs a flat plate collector on the roof supplied with a transfer medium, such as silicone oil that will not freeze, a storage area for the heat collected, a heat exchanger that draws heat from the medium or from storage and pumps or fans that distribute the heat throughout the home. Solar Unlimited's packages, like all active systems, are specifically designed to operate along with back up space and hot water heating systems.

Solar Works, marketing active systems and components, Solar Unlimited, showing flat plate collectors using silicone oil, and R. M. Thornton, Inc., who have built a demonstration commercial building utilizing many energy-conserving features in Capitol Heights, were also represented.

Stan Sersen collected 15 names of Greenbelt homeowners interested in GHI's Aesthetics and Environment Committee's investigation of solar products and in learning more about solar energy systems.

insulation and partitions. Attics which have been floored may have to have some of the boards removed for insulation to be blown in. Because of the partitions new openings from house to attic will be installed where none now exists.

### Wall Insulation

Insulation being blown into the outer walls will come through any holes on the interior side. Members should patch any existing holes.

### Kids and Dogs

Pets should be kept indoors or away from buildings while work is proceeding. Likewise, do not allow children to play outdoors unattended. Following roofing and siding, members should carefully check yards for remaining nails or sharp objects. Do not walk

around barefoot. Nothing should block access to the siding. If necessary, sheds should be removed and shrubs tied back.

For further information call Pat Estel, GHI Rehab. Coordinator at 474-2300.

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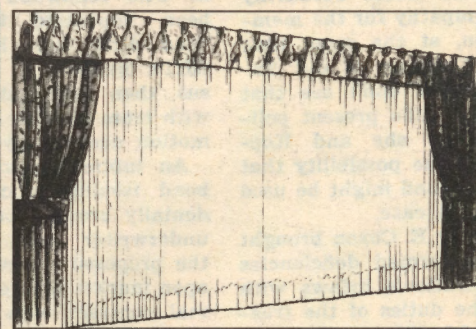
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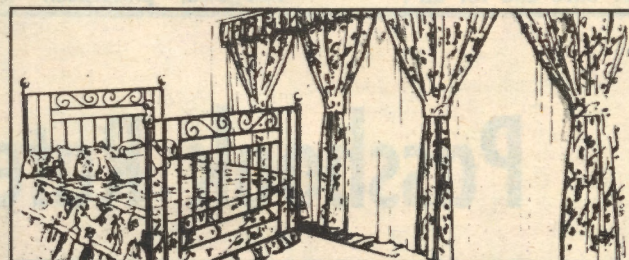
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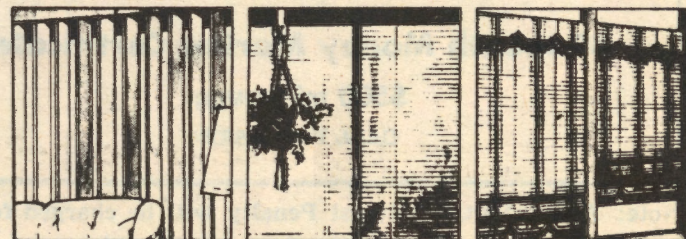
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# Bond Underwriting, Addition Controversy Occupy GHI

by Sid Kastner

A wide-ranging agenda occupied GHI's regular board meeting on August 14, chaired in Donald Volk's absence by vice-president Joseph Jenkins. Matters tackled included, on the one hand, the sophisticated complexities of bond underwriting, and on the other, a disagreement between neighbors that even King Solomon would be hard put to resolve.

A first complaint of the evening was brought to the board by J. Brickman who said he had been shocked to find serious termite damage in the addition of his recently-purchased home at 45 court Ridge. He argued that GHI's maintenance service should have been responsible on a continuing basis for eradicating termite infestation, and now requested corrective action. General manager Kenneth Kopstein noted that present policy holds additions to be the sole responsibility of the member, but added "this has caused us many problems — therefore management does recommend that GHI assume responsibility for additions." Director Bobbi McCarthy expressed sympathy for the member's position, at the same time saying that "because of our financial position, I don't see that we can change (the present policy)". However, she and Kopstein held out the possibility that a contingency fund might be used for this special case.

Next, member E. Coxon brought up what she termed deficiencies in the corporation's bylaws with respect to the duties of the treasurer. She felt "there should be more than two or three people who know the financial health" of the corporation, and therefore requested that the board get a legal opinion from counsel Albert Ginsburg spelling out the signing powers of GHI's officers. Chairman Jenkins passed this on to manager Kopstein to follow up. To a separate set of questions on the corporation's finances posed by member M. Hutzler, replies were promised by audit committee member Carl Conrad who noted that he and W. Feller were consulting with comptroller Donald McGinn to provide answers and would meet with Ms. Hutzler and her attorney "to take care of this matter once and for all".

## Bond Underwriting

An hour-long discussion followed on the selection of an underwriting firm for issuance of city tax-exempt revenue bonds to pay for the rehabilitation program. An Ad-Hoc selection committee consisting of Joe Jenkins, Joe Comproni, Ed James, Ben Rosenzweig and Jim Smith has settled on two underwriting teams (one being First Boston — Alex. Brown and the other Blythe Eastman-Paine Weber — Baker Watts, who will be referred to for obvious reasons as A and B) with fairly evenly matched qualifications, and debate centered on the final choice GHI should make. Pat Clancy of the consulting firm Krooth and Altman commented that both teams had the proper "objective" qualifications, so that the deciding factor would be the "subjective" qualifications, i.e. who would the board feel more comfortable with. Opinions were solicited from Clancy himself, who leaned toward team B for fall-back reasons; Kopstein, who favored team A; and the committee members including Comproni who remarked that he had been impressed that team B "had done their homework" on GHI's needs. A board consensus then emerged to negotiate with team B, with an appropriate motion accordingly passed.

An interesting sidelight of the bond issuing process was incidentally brought out, in that the underwriter will usually "test" the proposed interest rate on the open market before signing a formal contract with GHI; so that the interest rate actually settled on may differ from GHI's estimate.

## An addition problem

A controversy between one member who has started constructing an addition at his home in 59 court Ridge, and his adjoining neighbors, was taken up by the board at the request of the neighbors. This case was made particularly difficult by several unusual features which came out one by one during the discussion. The addition is being built on the service or kitchen side of the house, not normally allowed under present policy. However through a staff misjudgment acknowledged by staff engineer Ove Kongsted, permission to build

was apparently given after construction had already started and before getting the required consent from the neighbors. It is also not clear that a satisfactory color match between the addition exterior and the adjacent homes can be achieved. As an additional complication, there is a doubt — brought out in questions by audit committee member Conrad and others — whether the actual size of the addition conforms to the size authorized in the county permit.

In his own defense the member building the addition stated that he had contacted GHI first before applying for a county permit, and that the delay in building the addition (objected to also by the neighbors) was due to a restricted budget and other factors out of his control. Director Margaret Hogensen, for one, said she could understand his desire to enlarge the kitchen area because GHI kitchens are small.

Kopstein expressed the view that since GHI's permission to build had been inadvertently granted, an attempt to negotiate some equitable solution should first be made, otherwise the board would have to resolve the issue. Director Wayne Williams asked whether the addition could qualify as an "enclosed porch", which is allowed under present policy; but this question in fact brought out the discrepancy between the addition's actual size of twelve feet by six feet and the size of four feet by nine feet apparently listed on the permit according to Kongsted. It became evident that more definite information would have to be provided about the case before any conclusions could be drawn. A motion by director McCarthy was passed to halt further construction work on the addition "until present questions are resolved", with director Williams abstaining because he felt the matter should be handled outside the board, through the member relations committee and through personal communication between members. Jenkins therefore referred it also to the member relations committee. The member expressed his willingness to cooperate in furnishing the necessary documents.

# GHI Board Decides To Subtract From Addition

by Barbara Likowski

In a special board meeting, Thursday, August 21, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors voted to uphold the GHI rules on additions. Vice-president Joe Jenkins chaired the meeting in the absence of president Don Volk. All other board members were present.

The addition in question had been discussed heatedly at the board meeting. Although the McCord family, 59 Ridge Rd., had requested and received permission from GHI to build, consent had not been given by the neighbors. Also, there was some doubt that the addition under construction was the size called for in the plans okayed by GHI. The board, therefore, had moved to halt construction until the documents could be examined by the board.

General Manager Ken Kopstein explained that he had researched the approved plans filed with GHI and found that they called for a 4' by 9' addition. Carl Conrad, from the audit committee, said he had gone to the county building of licenses and permits and found that the permit was in two parts. The plans filed with the county and stamped approved conformed to the 4' by 9' plans which GHI had on file. However, there was a computer print-out showing a 6' by 12' structure, he couldn't find anyone who could explain the discrepancy. He was told that any GHI restriction takes precedence.

Engineer John Clancey, representing the McCords, showed copies of both plans to the board. Conrad pointed out that the plans for the smaller addition had the county stamp on the back and were identical to those GHI had on file. Copies were made for the board and, after perusal, the board voted to proceed with regulations that required the addition to be 4' by 9', as approved. (This would mean tearing down what had been built). However, the motion made this action subject to further negotiations with the neighbors and management. Director Della Donaldson, who is one of the neighbors, abstained.

Kopstein announced insulation

should be in the frames by December. Windows would be put in all winter long. Heat conversion may have to be finished in the spring, Kopstein said. Director Steve Curtis thought it could be done during the winter and would take 60 to 90 days.

Since this was a special meeting, no added business could be placed on the agenda. The board voted, subject to confirmation at its next meeting, to approve a contract with Edison Electric to test circuits and grounding and to install electric outlets.

## Short Band Concert

The heat wave record which Greenbelters have been experiencing was a factor in helping the Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince Georges County achieve its shortest band concert on record. The weather was ideal as the band was setting up and tuning up for a varied concert on Sunday, August 3, at the Lake Park. The weather had cooled, a slight breeze was blowing and band music fans were making themselves comfortable on chairs and blankets they had brought. The first number, "St. Julian March," under the baton of Band Conductor John DelHomme, was designed to set the theme for an enjoyable summer evening.

At the start of the second presentation, "The Knights Templar Overture," storm clouds were gathering in the distance, and lightning flashes were becoming visible. The band continued on with the concert, in spite of the threatening consequences, and finished the number. However, part way into "Deep River," the storm threat got too great and the concert was halted to prevent damage to instruments and the electrical system from possible rain and to protect people from possible lightning strikes.

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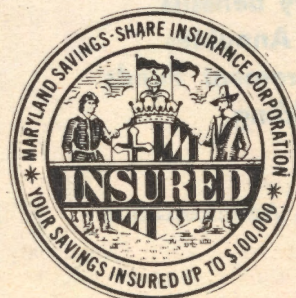
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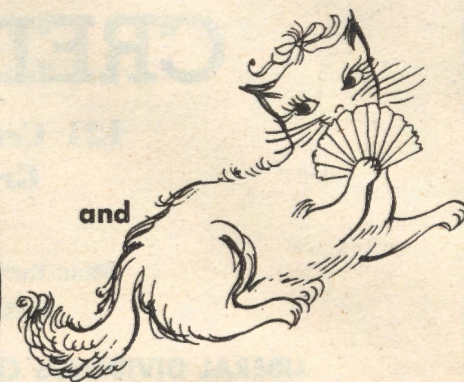
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## Art Show

Cipriano Award for "Americans at Work": B. J. Dye.

Adults—Paintings: 1st - B. J. Dye, 2nd - Esther Michel, 3rd - Dorothy Hayghe; Drawings: 1st - Bruce Dunn, 2nd - Barbara Haines, 3rd - Richard Perini, Honorable Mention - Lorenzo McCann; Sculpture: 1st - Norma J. Parks, 2nd - Isidore Reuben; Crafts: 1st - Adrienne Milman, 2nd - Therese and Frank Stringfellow, Patricia Reidy, 3rd - Rhea McDonald.

12-17 years—Paintings: 1st - Kerry Moriarty, 2nd - Leonard Jordan, 3rd - Lori Marques; Drawings: 1st - Leonard Jordan, 2nd - Ken Edmonston, 3rd - James Leckliter III; Sculpture: 1st - Tonja Bender; Crafts: 1st and 2nd - T. J. Karch.

7-11 years—Paintings: 1st - Melanie Keane, 2nd - Jamie Dobbin, 3rd - Aimee Lynn Heller; Drawings: 1st - Melanie Keane, 2nd - David Barnes, 3rd - Molly Ahearn; Sculpture: 1st - John Stringfellow, 2nd - Cheryl Miller, 3rd - Frank Cook; Crafts: 1st - James Leckliter, III, 2nd - Emily Sonneveldt, 3rd - Steffan Sonneveldt.

6 years and under—Paintings: 1st - Amy Mach, 2nd - Julia Milman, 3rd - Joey Dobbin; Drawings: 1st - Stacey King, 2nd - Jason Cohen, 3rd - Margaret Milman; Sculpture: 1st - Kim Goshorn, 2nd - Jonathon Murray, Michael Cook, 3rd - Ryan Mach; Crafts: 1st - Joey Murray, 2nd - Jonathon Murray, Jonathon Williams, 3rd - Stacey King.

Other participants in the show were as follows: Morgen Ahearn, Deborah Cooley, Alicia Derin, Rachel Derin, Jennifer Dobbin, Joyce Gill, Shawn Haines, Jackie Imdahl, Julia Kender, Laura Kurburski, Gertrude Law, Tina Leckliter, Karen Liverette, Debbie Miller, Malia Murray, Patrick Murray, Kjersti Norell, Carolyn Palmer, Jenny Ragan, Megan Reidy, Rachel Reidy, Dorothy Shabe, Gladys Spiero, Mary Stringfellow, Peter Timer, Kenneth Wickes, Rebecca Williams, and Teresa Williams.

## Pet Show

### Cats

Suzie and Andy James—Most colorful; Walter Braun—Mysterious eyes; Amy Abbott—Blackest; Faith Palmerton—Wonderful tail; Tara Beall—Longest whiskers; Aimee Heller—Fluffiest; Erin Harpe—Smallest voice; Brigid Harpe—Smartest cat; Amy and Ryan Mach—Blackest and whitest; Josh Lefchick—Cleanest; Josh Lefchick—Biggest.

### Other Animals

Eddie Belisle—1st prize—Most talented; Susan Belisle—2nd—Prettiest; Angela Soule—1st—Fluffiest; Jimmy Soule—2nd—Quietest; Joey Murry—1st—Hoppiest; John Stringfellow—2nd—Hoppiest; Jonathan Murray—1st—Quietest; Freddy Ross—1st—Wettest; Penny Gorren—1st—Oldest; Bill Garren—1st—Most Colorful; Daney Gorren—3rd—Fluffiest; Tina Leckliter—1st—Noisiest; Don Livingston, 3rd—Quietest, and 4th—Quietest; Christie Peters, 2nd—Fluffiest; Josh Coplan, 2nd—Most Colorful; Molly and Morgen Ahearn, 1st—Youngest, and 2nd—Most talented; Beth Shevitz, 1st—Prettiest;

# Festival Winners

Jonathan and Justin Polorin, 2nd—Wettest; Josh Aggson, 2nd—Oldest.

### Dogs

Sharon Moff, 1st Prize, Longest; Shannon Grady, 1st, Most Spots; Kim Palmey, 1st, Tallest; Elana Polansky, 2nd, Longest; John Soule, 2nd, Blackest; Cheryl Miller, 1st, Shortest Legs; Marcus Helfrick, 1st, Blackest; Chris Davis, 1st, Smallest; Michael Salinas, 2nd, Best Dressed; Steven French, 2nd, Longest; Georgene Dingler, 1st, Most Nervous; Allison Hurley, 1st, Longest Ears; Linda Peterson, 2nd, Blackest; Jamie, Joey and Jennifer Dobbin, 2nd, Longest Whiskers; Tara Brown, 1st, Most Colorful; Tine Brown, 2nd, Oldest; Allison Inglesby, 1st, Best Dressed; Bonnie Ennie, 1st, Best Ball Player; Michelle Orgel, 2nd, Most Colorful; Char Glendenning, 1st, Best Twins; Dawn Kirk, 2nd, Second Oldest.

## Special Contests

### Diaper Derby

(babies who cannot walk)

1st Place, George D. Baker, III; 2nd, Victoria Hess; 3rd, Jason Parker; 4th, Gretchen Reich.

### Musical Circle

(2-4 years)

1st Place, Nathan Jones; 2nd Place Tie, Sandi Kent and T. J. Lehn; 3rd, Melissa Bright.

### Balloon Burst

(5-7 years)

1st Place, Bryan Morris; 2nd, Erika Yada; 3rd, Charlie Hall; 4th Place Tie, Frances Mann and Freddy Ross.

### Bubble Gum Blowing

(7-9 years)

1st Place, Vicky Blanchard; 2nd, Patty Hall; 3rd, Charlie Hall; 4th, Chris Allen.

### Limbo Walk

(4-5 feet tall)

1st Place, Frances Mann; 2nd, Danny Morris; 3rd, Cindy Lundregan; 4th, Patty Hall.

### Watermelon Eating

(teens)

1st Place, Sandy Jones; 2nd, Richard King; 3rd, Vinnie Morris; 4th, Sheila Nagle.

## Parade

### Floats—

1st Free Spirits Puppet Group, Greenbelt Baptist Church; 2nd Miss Greenbelt Pageant; 3rd Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Teens.

### Music—

1st. First U.S. Army Band, 2nd Chillum-Adelphi Cavaliers.

### Individual—

1st Bagpipes with the Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia.

### Civic—

1st Greenbelt Fire Department, 2nd Greenbelt Clergy Association, 3rd Woodsy Owl.

### Comic—

1st Knights of the Clown Table, 2nd College Park Moose Klow Klub, 3rd Greenbelt Kazoo Marching Band.

### Drill Team—

1st U.S. Naval Ceremonial Guard.

### Antique Vehicle—

1st Joe Canova's 1931 Packard, 2nd William Worthington's 1920 Model T Racing Car, 3rd Duke Blythe's 1929 Ford Roadster Pickup, 4th Jerry Vester's 1965 Ford Mustang Convertible.

### Drum Unit—

1st Chillum-Adelphi, 2nd Berwyn Heights, 3rd K Company.

### Junior Color Guard—

1st Chillum-Adelphi, 2nd Cheverly, 3rd Emeralds, 4th Riverdale.

### Senior Color Guard—

1st Berwyn Heights.

### Majorettes—

1st Chillum-Adelphi, 2nd, Ber-

wyn Heights, 3rd K Company, 4th Emeralds. Leader's Medal for Majorettes - Tiny Tots 1st Emeralds, 2nd Chillum-Adelphi; Juvenile 1st Chillum-Adelphi, 2nd Emeralds; Juniors: 1st Berwyn Heights, 2nd K Company. Senior 1st K Company, 2nd Berwyn Heights.

### Judges Award—

(No placement, all of equal value)

Robert Baker's 1942 Ford Fire Truck, Skate Car, Singer with Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Teens, Kika the Robot.

### Best of Parade

1st Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia; 2nd U.S. Naval Ceremonial Guard; 3rd Greenbelt Lions, Decorated trikes and bikes.

## Best Decorated Booth

1st Place - Mishkan Torah Nursery School, 2nd Place - Center School, 3rd Place - Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

## Police Blotter

Two indecent exposures occurred. One in the 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, and one near the 44 Court of Ridge. The suspect is the same in both cases. He is described as a white male adult, wearing female clothing. A knee length magenta dress tied at the waist, black halloween type wig, operating a faded green Chevrolet Impala four-door sedan.

A strong-arm robbery occurred at Kay Jewelers at the Beltway Plaza. A ring valued at \$1,000 was taken.

A female resident of Springhill Lake was the victim of a strong-arm robbery. She was accosted by two male adults who forcibly removed money from her possession.

A male resident of Springhill Lake was the victim of an armed robbery. He was accosted by two male adults as he left his vehicle.

A Hillside Road resident was the victim of an armed robbery. He was accosted by two male adults as he neared his home. Both were armed with handguns.

A young female resident of Springhill Lake was raped at knife point in early afternoon. She was walking in the area of the Greenbelt Junior High school when the assault occurred.

A female resident was the victim of rape. She was accosted by three adult males while walking in the 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive in the early evening.

Officer T. McGrath charged an adult Springhill Lake resident with trespassing after he was observed peering into windows with binoculars.

A local juvenile was charged by Pfc T. Justin with trespassing after he climbed a tree and was observed peering into a window of a residence on Hillside Road.

A female resident was the victim of an indecent exposure that occurred in the parking lot of St. Hugh's. The case is under investigation.

Two breaking and enterings occurred at a residence located in the 7800 block of Mandan Road and at a residence located in Lakeside North apartments.

Officer G. Lynn charged a non-resident adult with theft after he failed to pay for gasoline that he obtained at a local service station.

Pfc. M. Sappington charged a non-resident adult with theft after he removed nearly \$200.00 worth of property from the Drug Fair at the Beltway Plaza.

## School Night for Scouts

The Cub and Boy Scouts will hold their annual School Night to join scouting in Greenbelt schools later this month. Scouting activities include treasure hunts, camp-outs, bike hikes, sailboat races and many other activities. Scouting is open to all boys 8 to 18.

## Recreation Review

### Recreation Centers Fall Hours

This week the Fall hours go into effect at the SHL Rec. Center and the Youth Center. Facilities will be open during the following hours: Mon. thru Thurs.—3:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Fri.—3:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Sat.—9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; and Sun.—1 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### Recreation's Labor Day Events Champions

Members of the Recreation Department extend their congratulations to the winners and all participating teams.

Mayor's Labor Day Slow-Pitch—Over 400 people attended the championship games. In the 'B' Division, Financial Data went undefeated by winning over Ritchie's Mo-Ped by a score of 17-8. Competition for the 'A' Division pitted Eagle Iron Works against C & N Softballers. Eagle Iron lost the first game 17-15, but came back to win the second game for the 'A' Championship by a score of 28-13.

Open Tennis Tournament—Men's 'A' Singles—Hand defeated Allen; Men's 'B' Singles—Hanna defeated Ghosh; Men's 'A' Doubles—Hand and Geier defeated Harrison and Harrison; Men's 'B' Doubles—Prosky and Watson defeated Ghosh and Sain.

Home Run Derby—Women—JoAnn Rowe; Men—Jenks Morton.

Baseball Accuracy Throw—Junior—Chris Downs; Intermediate—Jeff Summers; Senior—Joe O'Loughlin.

Football Accuracy Throw—Junior—Scott Swahl; Intermediate—Jeff Summers; Senior—John Wilkerson.

Frisbee Throw—Junior—Chris Downs; Intermediate—Jeff Linn; Senior—Jimmy Folke.

Big Wheels and Little Wheels Rally—2 and 3 year olds—Downhill, Stephanie King; Slalom, Philip Williams; Best Decorated, Peter Come; 4 and 5 year olds—Downhill, Christie Desposito; Slalom, Jonathan Murray; Best Decorated, Christie Peters; 6 year olds—Downhill, Joshua Lefchick; Slalom, Joey Dobbin; Best Decorated, Joey Dobbin.

Table Games—Junior Division, Bumper—Scott Swahl; Table Soccer, Dan McCarthy.

Intermediates, Pocket Billiards—Frank Kellaher; Ping Pong—John Marques.

Seniors, Pocket Billiards and Ping Pong, Steve Desposito.

### Volleyball—Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Greenbelt Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Mon. evenings with recreational on Wed. evenings. Both are from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. Everyone 16 years of age and over is welcome.

### Fall Class Registration

Registration for the Recreation Department's Fall Classes is held on a first come, first served basis on Mon., Sept. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. at the SHL Rec. Center; Tues., Sept. 16, 7-8:30 p.m. and Wed., Sept. 17, 3-5 p.m. at the Youth Center. See ad in next week's News Review for further information, or call 474-6878.

## GHI NOTES

Patrons to the GHI booth at the Labor Day Festival were eagerly "purchasing" homes and properties all over the GHI area, also the commercial center, Youth Center, Armory, Greenbelt Lake and even the porta-potties at the Festival. It was all part of the GHI game, a treasure hunt in which prizes were hidden at three locations in GHI and surrounding areas. Winner of the first prize was Jim Watkins of Hyattsville who "bought" the American Legion; second prize went to Mary Barr of Boxwood who bought her sister-in-law's house at 13-F Ridge Road. Third prize went to Carolyn Vaccaro of Greenbriar whose lucky house was 6-A Hillside.

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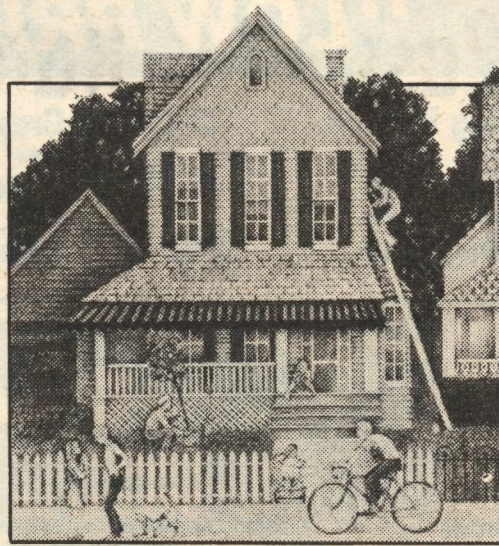
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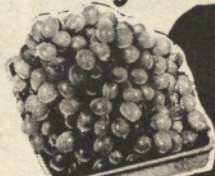
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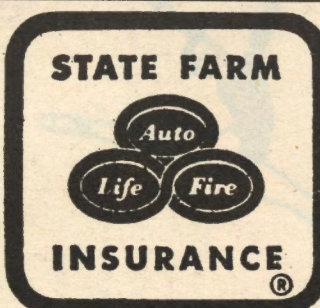
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## Council Tidbits

by Hally Ahearn

Council has approved the purchase of an entrance door security system for Green Ridge House. Visitors will dial a resident's assigned number listed by a wall phone on the outside of the building. The resident will answer and identify the visitor, then dial a special number to release the front door lock. Green Ridge House is now receiving its housing assistance payments, making adequate funds available to management for purchase of the \$3,485 system.

A special report has been published, and a series of workshops have been scheduled on the Inter-County Connector/Rockville Facility Study. Of the twelve alternatives proposed for the connector, some would allow the facility to be used as a shortcut from I-270 to the Beltway in Greenbelt. Council continues to oppose this highway facility, fearing the negative impact of increased traffic here.

"I don't think we have changed our mind," said Mayor pro tem Richard Pilski. "We have the same recommendations we've had in the past." Councilman Thomas X. White may attend some of the workshops and the city will send a letter restating its opposition to the facility.

The chairman of Governor Hughes' newly created State Development Council has asked the city to present its views on what major physical and economic development problems it faces, including conservation and preservation; what issues it would like to see the development council address; and what suggestions it has for the operation of the task force which will review the work of the Development Council. City staff will draft general recommendations for Council to respond to at a later meeting. Recommendations will then be sent along to the governor's Council.

The City Council has moved to have the Advisory Planning Board's recommendation for approval of the site plan for Glen Ora subdivision, with certain conditions, submitted to Park and Planning. APB is asking that one housing unit be relocated to another building so that no building has more than eight units, that an area be set aside for storage of recreational vehicles, that two connected parking lots be separated to give the feel of small neighborhoods to each building area, and that an agreement be made to provide for recreational facilities in the area of the site plan.



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## Council Holds Public Hearing; Considers Street Improvements

by Leta Mach

Council covered a number of routine matters at its August 11 meeting. A citizen request to defer street improvements caused much comment, while on the other hand, a public hearing called forth no citizen comment.

The public hearing, scheduled early in the evening, was required before the charter amendment resolution, modifying an earlier charter amendment which annexed the Greenway Shopping Center, could be adopted. Under the new amendment, property taxes will be phased in over three years instead of five. City Manager James Giese called the agreement with Greenway Center Associates, "mutually beneficial". While the city will receive more taxes, Greenway Center Associates will receive \$500,000 additional city financing of road construction costs. Later, in the regular council meeting, the charter amendment resolution and an ordinance to issue \$500,000 more in general obligation special assessment bonds for road construction costs were passed.

When the agenda item about deferment of street improvement requirements came up, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, who is one of the upper Ridge Road property owners, turned the meeting over to Councilman Richard Pilski. Citizen Robert Spear, acting as spokesman for the eight property owners, noted that at a recent meeting the property owners had unanimously agreed to ask that the improvements, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, be deferred until the lots are developed. The owners fear that construction activity would damage the improvements. Later, when the work is done, the property owners would like it to be done as a bond issue.

Giese explained that he had reservations about waiting for street improvements until all the lots were developed. He suggested the improvements be required at a certain date or when a certain number of the lots had been developed. He also felt the owners may find that temporary improvements are necessary. Council decided that it would waive road construction developments during the initial building construction period after it receives a suitable petition signed by all the property owners and enacts a special assessment for the improvements.

#### Other Items

In the presentation at the beginning of the evening, council received a plaque commemorating the city's participation in the Ride-A-Bike for the Retarded program. Outstanding riders and sponsors were also recognized by Eileen Labukas, representing the

Greenbelt parents of the retarded, and Mary Ellen Kiss, representative of Prince Georges County Association of Retarded Citizens.

Council also received a written petition from the Windsor Green Homeowners Association about the dangerous Mandan/Greenbelt Road intersection. Giese was directed to send a copy to the district engineer with a cover letter and any recent information such as accidents at the intersection.

Giese told Council about the Maryland Industrial and Commercial Redevelopment Fund. He expressed the hope that some of its limited loan and grant money could be used by the commercial center. Council agreed the idea should be pursued and discussed with commercial center owner, George Christacos.

In other business, Council:

—passed an ordinance clarifying that personal property of any business within the city, wherever located, is taxable.

—passed an ordinance and resolution to provide for the purchase of two mobile radios for police cars.

—moved to notify the District Council that it agrees with the Zoning Hearing Examiner's recommendation that R-T be denied for parcels 3 & 4.

—authorized the execution of a contract with Behavior Services Consultants for professional services to Greenbelt CARES Youth Service Bureau.

—accepted street construction work on Edmonston Road near the Stidham Office Building.

—accepted an easement from Greenway Center for a sidewalk in front of the shopping center.

—decided to participate with the county in the Community Development Block Grant program.

—accepted the resignation of Joanne Rossi Becker from the Community Relations Advisory Board.

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# Dismissal Controversy Surfaces at GHI Board Meeting

by James P. O'Sullivan

Routine business at the August 28 meeting of the GHI Board of Directors was overshadowed by the controversy surrounding the recent dismissal of four members of the GHI maintenance staff.

During the time set aside on the agenda for member comment, member Charles Schwan posed several questions regarding the dismissals and board policy on staff reductions. Schwan stated that in October 1978 the board had reached an informal understanding that any staff reductions resulting from the rehabilitation program would be accomplished by attrition rather than by dismissals. Schwan wished to know when this policy was changed, whether there was an opportunity for member input at the time a policy change was contemplated, whether employees were invited to consider the policy change, and whether employees were informed that a new policy was in effect.

General Manager Kenneth Kopstein disputed Schwan's recollection of board policy on this issue. Kopstein said that there was never a policy statement by the board that staff reductions should be accomplished by attrition. Kopstein indicated that he did not expect any further staff reductions during the remaining period of the rehabilitation. He also said that all employees have been informed that management does not anticipate further staff reductions during the rehabilitation period.

Board member Bobbi McCarthy suggested that the membership's most recent directive with regard to the budget at least implicitly indicated a change in policy. President Don Volk said that the board would look into the question of prior board understandings on this issue and provide a response to Schwan's inquiry.

Arriving later in the meeting, after the board had moved on to consider other items on the agenda, member Mat Amberg again raised the dismissal issue and insisted on an explanation by the board. President Volk explained that the question had been raised earlier in the meeting and that Amberg could request that the matter be considered at a future board meeting. When Amberg continued to discuss the dismissals, Volk ruled him out of order. Nevertheless Amberg continued and Volk countered by declaring a ten minute recess.

## Electric Heat Conversion

The board gave management two weeks to complete guidelines for individual conversions to el-

ectric heat. Approximately six rows are currently ready to convert to electric heat and wish to do so before the upcoming heating season. These members have been unable to proceed, however, because management has not yet issued the required conversion standards.

Manager Kopstein explained that the major reason for the delay in issuing conversion specifications has been the constraints placed on staff time as a result of the rehabilitation program. Kopstein indicated that the recent authorization of a consultant to assist in phase 2 of the rehab program should free up the staff resources necessary to get out the guidelines. Staff Engineer Ove Kongsted said that the specifications for conversion to electric heat would definitely be ready within the next two weeks.

Electric heat conversion and other rehabilitation items may be financed through state and federal loans, provided that the proposed improvement is in compliance with relevant government regulations and the member qualifies. Maryland state loans may be used for electrical heavy-up provided that GHI issues specifications, and submits to the state for approval a report on the proposed work.

Certain other rehab items still must be approved by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT). Kopstein said that MHT has given an oral approval for the use of sliding glass or casement windows as replacement items. Double hung windows, however, are not approved by MHT and therefore cannot be financed through state loans.

Kopstein indicated that there are a number of unresolved questions with regard to state and federal financing of various individual improvement items. For example, Kopstein, said that it is not clear whether a member could use government loans to finance approved rehabilitation items and at the same time use personal financing to install non-approved items.

## Other Matters

In other action the board approved a motion recommending to the City of Greenbelt that the law firm of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll be retained as bond counsel for the upcoming city revenue bond issue. The board also accepted management's recommendation that Real Estate Research Corporation be retained as a feasibility study consultant in connection with the bond issue.

The board selected Amerada

Hess as fuel oil supplier for the upcoming heating season. Amerada Hess will provide metered delivery service to GHI at 3 cents per gallon less than the posted price.

They also selected Rogers Tree Service to provide tree trimming services at a cost of \$6,030.

The board voted to discontinue the present practice of turning off the hot water between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. in light of member complaints and apparently minimal, if any, cost savings resulted from this procedure.

The board reviewed, but took no action, on a proposed \$636,000 rehabilitation package for the GDC apartments. Management has recommended that GDC be included in the revenue bond issue, but separately mortgaged from GHI.

Over the dissenting vote of Wayne Williams, the board decided to consider a proposed employee/board member conflict-of-interest policy statement in closed executive session rather than at the open meeting. The matter will be back on the regular agenda at the next board meeting.

Before taking any action on the question of selection of replacement siding material and of approved colors for the townhouses, the board decided to seek additional comment from the 25 new townhouse owners. Eventually the board will have to decide whether the new siding may be funded out of the townhouse owners' own replacement reserves or paid for with rehabilitation funds.

At the next board meeting a new system to generate electricity for GHI will be explored, when the Tricil Corporation, at Board invitation, will demonstrate how to produce electricity from a solid waste incineration process.

The board authorized management to continue negotiations with the National Consumer Cooperative Bank to obtain funds for the purpose of financing home sales. The board instructed management to evaluate the compara-

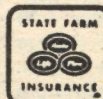
tive costs of GHI administering such a loan program directly or through local financial institutions acting as agents for GHI.

Management indicated that it will proceed to implement plans to restructure GHI purchasing activities. The procurement function will be separate from all other administrative departments, and will be under the supervision of a new Director of Purchasing, who will be responsible for all purchasing and contracting functions and who will report directly to the General Manager.

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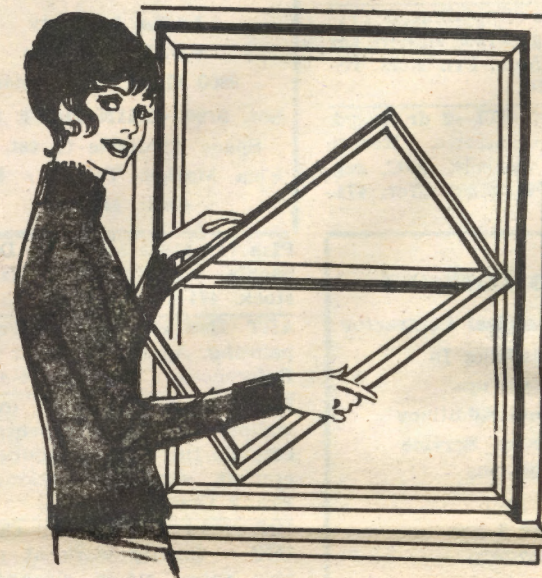
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